

**California Department of Water Resources
Oroville Facilities Relicensing
Draft Issue Statements, Geographic Scopes and Resource Goals
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LAND USE

Issue Statement LU1:

What are the appropriate, compatible, and potential developmental and non-developmental uses of project lands especially for public use, public access, open space, recreational uses, watershed and natural resources protection/management, energy resources and cultural values in a way that integrates and respects: 1) resource constraints; 2) adjacent land uses; and 3) applicable plans (including the Forest Service, State, County, and City of Oroville land planning and zoning) and policies for project lands and adjacent lands?(Expanded Issues Addressed: LUE1, LUE2, LUE3, LUE6, LUE7, LUE8)

Geographic Scope:

Area within the Oroville Facilities FERC Project boundary, contiguous properties, and other lands within 1/4 mile of the project boundaries.

Resource Goals:

1. Compliance of the Oroville Facilities with FERC regulations and orders.
2. Use of project lands in a way that is consistent with project objectives.
3. Use of project lands with consideration for consistency with the objectives of local plans and resource agency plans for the area as a whole and for the lands in the immediate vicinity of the project area.
4. Protection of areas with valuable natural, recreational and cultural resources.
5. Development of additional land uses including visitor access and recreational facilities on existing and new sites.
6. Siting of land uses on project lands that considers [and is consistent with] sensitive resources, resource constraints, surrounding land uses, and linkages with the surrounding area's development pattern.
7. Encourage local agency to consider non-project land use impacts on project land uses, aesthetics, and environmental qualities when zoning land and considering approval development projects.

Issue Statement LU2:

What is the potential for acquiring or removing project lands (including other property interests) to meet resource goals? (Expanded Issues Addressed: LUE4, LUE5, LUE9, LUE10)

Geographic Scope:

Area within the Oroville Facilities FERC Project boundary, contiguous properties, and other lands within ¼ mile of the project boundaries.

Resource Goals:

1. Compliance of the Oroville Facilities with FERC regulations and orders.
2. Use of project lands and other lands in the project vicinity in a way that is consistent with project objectives.
3. Protection of lands contiguous to the project area that are strategically important for protecting valuable natural, recreational and cultural resources located within the project's current boundaries.
4. Incorporation of additional lands into the project area that are needed to provide for the development of new or expanded visitor and recreational facilities.
5. Acquisition or removal of lands including surplus lands within or nearby the project area after consideration for achievement of project operational goals, protection of resources or development of project visitor and recreational facilities and which have potential strategic importance as locations for development activities to meet community needs.

LAND MANAGEMENT**Issue Statement LM1:**

What are the funding and staffing needs to adequately address land management for the Oroville Wildlife Area, Lake Oroville State Recreation Area (LOSRA), Thermalito Afterbay, and other project lands? (Expanded Issues Addressed: LME1, LME4, LME5, LME16)

Geographic Scope:

Areas included within the Oroville Wildlife Area, LOSRA, and Thermalito Afterbay.

Resource Goals:

1. Sufficient funding for full, fair and professional enforcement of the regulations at the Wildlife Area, LOSRA, and Thermalito Afterbay, to protect resources and assure public safety.
2. Sufficient funding to assure proper clean-up and facilities maintenance

Issue Statement LM2:

What are the existing and future fuel loads, fuel management practices, and coordination of fuel management activities for lands located within and adjacent to the project boundary to manage the risk of loss of property, lives, and natural resources? (Expanded Issues Addressed: LME6, LME7, LME10, LME14).

Geographic Scope:

Area within the Oroville Facilities FERC project boundary, contiguous properties, and other lands within ¼ mile of the project boundaries.

Resource Goals:

1. Development of a comprehensive understanding of fuel loads and fuel load issues on project lands and lands in the vicinity of the project area sufficient to identify risks, options, and a strategy for action.
2. In an integrated effort with appropriate agencies, manage fuel loads on project lands and on lands in the surrounding area to optimize for fire safety and the achievement of other objectives.

Issue Statement LM3:

What is an appropriate arrangement for land management of recreation facilities of LOSRA, Thermalito Afterbay, Wildlife area and other project lands? (Expanded Issues Addressed: LME8)

Geographic Scope:

Area within the LOSRA, Thermalito Afterbay, Wildlife area, and adjacent lands,

Resource Goals:

1. Operation of the LOSRA, Thermalito Afterbay, and Wildlife area facilities in a way that will facilitate expansion of visitor and recreational facilities, is responsive to market demand, and provide a stimulus to further local economic development.
2. Operation of LOSRA, Thermalito Afterbay, and Wildlife area facilities in a way that is efficient, responsive to visitor needs, and oriented toward increases in visitor numbers, visitor spending, and visitor satisfaction with their experience.

Issue Statement LM4

What are appropriate law enforcement activities, security and penalties for project lands? (Expanded Issues Addressed: LME1, LME4, LME5, LME15, LME 6).

Geographic Scope:

Area within the Oroville Facilities FERC Project boundary.

Resource Goals:

1. Full, fair and professional establishment, promulgation, and enforcement of regulations to protect project facilities and resources and assure public safety.

AESTHETICS

Issue Statement A1:

What are the effects of reservoir drawdown on the visual quality at Lake Oroville and other project lands? (Expanded Issues Addressed: AE6, AE16)

Geographic Scope:

Area within the Oroville Facilities FERC Project boundary.

Resource Goals:

1. Develop and implement a program targeted to improve (to the extent feasible within the project purposes and operational, legal, and environmental constraints) the appearance of the areas that are negatively affected by the reservoir drawdown.

Issue Statement A2:

What are the effects of construction debris, garbage, and invasive species on the appearance of project lands? (Expanded Issues Addressed: AE1, AE2, AE3, AE4, AE5, AE15).

Geographic Scope:

Area within the Oroville Facilities FERC Project boundary.

Resource Goals:

1. Develop and implement a program to clean up areas where there is litter and trash and to take appropriate actions that will help to minimize littering and illegal trash disposal in the future.
2. Develop a highly targeted program to remove or screen construction debris in visually sensitive areas where it substantially detracts from the aesthetic quality of the environment and the experience of visitors.

Issue Statement A3:

What are the appropriate landscaping, restoration, preservation, vegetation and facilities management/maintenance programs for aesthetic enhancement of project lands? (Expanded Issues Addressed: AE10, AE11, AE12, AE13, AE14, AE16)

Geographic Scope:

Area within the Oroville Facilities FERC Project boundary.

Resource Goals:

1. Develop and implement a program to preserve and restore existing vegetation and landscaping and to manage and maintain facilities to assure a high level of visual attractiveness on project lands.

Issue Statement A4:

What are the effects of existing and future project features (including transmission lines, trails, etc) and land uses on the aesthetic quality of project lands? (Expanded Issues Addressed: AE7, AE8, AE9, AE10, AE16).

Geographic Scope:

Area within the Oroville Facilities FERC Project boundary.

Resource Goals:

1. Develop and implement a program to identify any existing project features that have significant adverse visual effects and consider proposals for strategic actions to modify or mitigate those impacts.
2. Establish design standards and a visual impact evaluation protocol to assure that changes to existing project facilities and any new facilities on project lands are sited and designed in a way that protects and enhances the project area's aesthetic qualities.
3. Establish a visual impact evaluation protocol and mitigation procedures to assure that any changes in land use or management activities are compatible with surrounding uses and protect and enhance the project area's aesthetic qualities.